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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated October 9, 2003 for a period of one month.

Applicant:

		claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.			
		is other than small entity			
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